**High Level Report on the future of the Single Market**

**Input on [issue / topic] [sector where relevant]**

# Description of the problem

*The importance of the problem on a scale from 1 (very low) to 5 (very high) is: […].*

[nature of the problem: who is affected and in what way – 1 paragraph + selected references[[1]](#footnote-1) to reliable literature]

[magnitude of the problem: how big is the problem (monetary, quantitative and/or qualitative estimates, where available and relevant) – 1 paragraph + selected references to reliable literature]

[1 or 2 concrete illustrations / examples, e.g. particularly problematic transposition of a Directive in a certain Member State – 1 paragraph]

# Root causes of the problem

[problem drivers (e.g. regulatory failure such as undue protection to incumbent firms against competitive entry firms, market failure such as missing or weak competition …) - 1 paragraph + selected references[[2]](#footnote-2)]

[if relevant, more detailed account of the problem drivers linked to the example(s) chosen under section 1]

Or

[“NTR” (Nothing To Report) if the document / interlocutor did not address root causes ].

# Future evolution of the problem

[likely evolution of the problem: what will be the situation in 5 to 10 years if no (new) action is taken - 1 paragraph + selected references[[3]](#footnote-3)]

[if relevant, more detailed forecasting for the example(s) chosen under section 1]

Or

[“NTR” (Nothing To Report) if the document / interlocutor did not forecast the problem’s evolution].

# Recommendation

*The potential impact of the Recommendation on a scale from 1 (very low) to 5 (very high) is: […].*

[What should be the EU objective(s): the Single Market should be (able to do) this or that in X years]

[What is the best the policy option / mix to reach this objective]

[What is the expected outcome if the Recommendation is implemented]

**ANNEX 1**

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**ANNEX 2**

1. Ref x. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Ref x. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Ref x. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)